

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the outstanding Office Action dated July 7, 2004.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects to prosecute the invention identified as species 2 in the outstanding Office Action, directed to two composite mixtures of electroplated material. Currently, Claims 2, 3 and 6-9 read on the invention of species 2. Original Claims 2, 3 and 6 depend from independent Claim 1 which, by itself, does not read on species 2. However, dependent Claims 2, 3 and 6 read on species 2 when considered in conjunction with the underlying base claim. Original independent Claim 7 reads on the invention of species 2 as do dependent Claims 8 and 9. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with examination of Claims 2, 3 and 6-9 under the elected species.

In the event the Examiner requires anything further to complete the election in full response to the outstanding Office Action, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact applicant's Attorney, Robert M. Downey, at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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